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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SERVICES: RAY, MICHAEL HARVEY AKA GEORGE COX

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1. BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE IN PAST TEN DAYS HAVE
RECEIVED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM "GEROGE COX" POSTED FROM ELAZIG PRISON.
COX IS PERSON SENTENCED SEPT. 1973 TO THIRTY YEARS ON DRUG
SMUGGLING CHARGE WHILE POSING AS AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN. IN LETTERS
TO US HE MADE NO CLAIM TO U.S. NATIONALITY, BUT REGISTERED VARIOUS
COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTED CERTAIN HELP, PARTICULARLY IN DISCOVERING
OUTCOME OF APPEAL IN HIS COURT CASE. IN LETTER TO EMBASSY "COX"

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ALSO DESCRIBED SERIOUS PHYSICAL CONDITION (EPIDIDYMITIS) AND
MADE URGENT APPEAL FOR A MEDICINE (KEFLEX) AVAILABLE IN TURKEY
ONLY VIA U.S. MILITARY CHANNELS.

2. IN VIEW URGENCY MEDICAL SITUATION DESCRIBED BY COX CONOFF
RUSSELL CONSULTED WITH INCIRLIK PHYSICIANS ON POSSIBILITY KEFLEX
COULD BE SAFELY ADMINISTERED IN ABSENCE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN
AND WITHOUT UNDERSIRABLE OTHER EFFECTS. (NOTE: MEDICINE HAD
ONCE BEFORE BEEN OBTAINED ON URGENT BASIS WHILE COX UNDERGOING
TRIAL AT ANTAKYA.) ON CHANCE THAT COX MIGHT IDENTIFY HIMSELF
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AS U.S. CITIZEN RUSSELL TRAVELLED ELAZIG AND VISITED PRISON

APRIL 10.

3. COX, WHO APPEARED STRICKEN WITH CONSIDERABLE PAIN AND IN GENERALLY WEAKENED CONDITION, QUICKLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MICHAEL HARVEY RAY, BORN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS NOVEMBER 16, 1941. STATED HE IS WANTED IN U.S. BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. NEITHER DID HE ADDRESS QUESTION OF HOW OR WHY HE HAD "ACQUIRED" THE NAME COX, AUSTRALIAN NATIONALITY, OR FEMALE COMPANION LYNN COX VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS WIFE OR SISTER.

4. CHANCES ARE COX'S CONDITION MAY RESPOND TO MEDICINE DELIVERED, BUT NATURE AND EXTENT OF ILLNESS MAKE IT SEEM UNLIKELY

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IT WILL EFFECT PERMANENT CURE. PRISON DIRECTOR HAS GIVEN WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR COX TO BE EXAMINED BY AMERICAN PHYSICIAN, AND THIS CONSULATE WILL ARRANGE WHEN U.S.A.F. DOCTOR CAN MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BEFORE END OF MONTH, POSSIBLY WHEN SNOW GOES TO DO SOCIAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS APRIL 23. PRISON DIRECTOR IS ALSO CONCERNED OVER COX/RAY'S HEALTH, AND APPEARED TO REGARD PROBLEM AS ONE WELL BEYOND CAPACITY OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO HIM. STATED HE WORKING TOWARD COX/RAY TRANSFER TO ISTANBUL WHERE BETTER MEDICAL CARE WOULD BE AVAILABLE, BUT LACK OF FUNDS HAVE THUS FAR PREVENTED TRANSFER. STATED THAT IF 1,050 TL COULD BE FOUND (\$75 U.S.) HE COULD COMPLETE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

5. RAY WAS EMOTIONAL, VISIBLY MOVED THAT SOMEONE MAY NOW BE IN POSITION TO HELP HIM. HE ASKED THAT WE NOT DISCUSS ALL ELEMENTS OF HIS SITUATION WITH TURKISH JAILERS, AND THAT WE NOT COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILY OR OTHERS IN U.S.

6. FOR ANKARA DEA RPT DEA. RAY AGREED TO SUBMIT TO FINGER-PRINTING, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE ABANDONING PRETENSE REGARDING TRUE IDENTITY. PRINTS WILL BE POUCHED YOUR OFFICE PER EARLIER REQUEST.

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